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SUBJ: ARA MONTHLY NARCOTICS REPORT

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1. FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN ARA MONTHLY NARCOTICS REPORT FOR OCTOBER.

2. MAJOR BLOWS HAVE BEEN STRUCK AT THE CHILEAN DRUG TRAFFIC AS THE RESULT OF THE INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN OF THE NEW GOC, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE EMBASSY'S DEA OFFICE. BY THE END OF OCTOBER, THE CHILEAN SUPREME COURT HAD APPROVED ARREST ORDERS FOR 15 IMPORTANT COCAINE TRAFFIC SUSPECTS. OF THIS TOTAL, 11 HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, AND ONE OR MORE OF THE REMAINING FOUR MAY BE OUTSIDE OF CHILE. ADOLFO SOBOSKI TOBIAS, URUGUAYAN NATIONAL AND MAJOR FIGURE IN THE TRAFFIC, WAS EXPELLED BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS AND TURNED OVER TO THE URUGUAYAN EMBASSY, FROM WHICH HE LEFT UNDER SAFE-CONDUCT TO URUGUAY. IN A COORDINATED US-CHILEAN-URUGUAYAN OPERATION SOBOSKI TRAVELED DIRECTLY FROM MONTEVIDEO TO NEW YORK AND DETENTION UNDER DEA CUSTODY. STATE, JUSTICE, AND THE US MISSION IN SANTIAGO ARE WORKING INTENSIVELY TO PREPARE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR THE EXTRADITION OF THE CHILEAN TRAFFICKERS NOW UNDER ARREST AT US REQUEST.

3. THE GOC ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN, UNDER THE SPECIAL PRESSURE OF THE CARABINEROS (UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLICE) DRUG UNIT
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WORKING IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH DEA AGENTS, HAS LED TO

THE ARREST OF A NUMBER OF OTHER DRUG TRAFFIC SUSPECTS AND
UNCOVERED SEVERAL COCAINE LABORATORIES. THIS CAMPAIGN OF
ARRESTS OF MAJOR TRAFFICKERS, COUPLED WITH THE GREATLY
INCREASED DIFFICULTY OF MOVING CONTRABAND IN CHILE UNDER
THE CONDITIONS OF MARTIAL LAW, HAS REDUCED THE COCAINE TRAFFIC
IN CHILE SIGNIFICANTLY.
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